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Re: ET Docket No. 03-102
Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am writing on behalf of Short Range Automotive Radio Frequency ("SARA") and Long Range Automotive Radio Frequency ("LARA"), two associations of automobile and vehicular radar manufacturers that deploy collision warning, collision mitigation and active safety systems on automobiles in the United States, to notify you of an *ex parte* communication between the undersigned and Geraldine Matise, Deputy Chief of the Policy and Rules Division of the Office of Engineering and Technology, that occurred on January 13, 2004. The purpose of the *ex parte* communication was to reiterate the positions taken in the comments submitted by SARA and LARA in this proceeding. In the communication I noted in particular that LARA's members currently manufacture and sell vehicular radar equipment that operates on an unlicensed basis in the 76 GHz band pursuant to rules set for those devices. I also indicated that LARA's members have invested millions of dollars in reliance on the rules (especially the power limits) that currently exist. Finally, I noted that no additional restrictions on the operation of vehicular radar in the 76 GHz band are necessary as a result of proposals made by the Commission in this proceeding.

An original and one copy of this letter are submitted for inclusion in the proceeding record.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures
cc: Ms. Geraldine Matise

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